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FM AMEMBASSY TOKYO

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AMEMBASSY ISTANBUL

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TAGS: TU, JA, PINS, ASEC

SUBJECT: PRESS SPECULATION REGARDING POSSIBLE JAPANESE RED
ARMY (JRA) TERRORIST ACTION

REF: ANKARA 6478

1. PRESS ITEM MENTIONED REFTEL APPEARED IN AUGUST 22
JAPAN TIMES UNDER TITLE "POSSIBLE BID TO RESCUE
TWO GUERRILLAS SEEN." ARTICLE STATED: QTE "THE
JAPANESE RED ARMY MIGHT ATTEMPT TO RESCUE TWO
GUERRILLAS WHO WERE ARRESTED BY TURKISH AUTHORITIES
AFTER A RECENT COMMANDO ATTACK ON ISTANBUL AIRPORT
ACCORDING TO THE NATIONAL POLICE AGENCY. THE
AGENCY SAID THAT A POSSIBLE RESCUE OPERATION MIGHT
BE LAUNCHED EITHER BY THE JAPANESE TERRORIST
GROUP ON ITS OWN OR JOINTLY WITH THE PEOPLES FRONT
FOR THE LIBERATION OF PALESTINE (PFLP). ACCORDING
TO INFORMATION REACHING THE AGENCY, THE TWO PFLP
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GUERRILLAS IN TURKISH CUSTODY REPORTEDLY TOLD THE

AUTHORITIES THEY WERE ORDERED TO SURRENDER
AFTER THEY RAN OUT OF AMMUNITION. AGENCY
SOURCES SAID THE CONFESSION COULD BE TAKEN AS INDICATING
THAT A RESCUE OPERATION WAS NOW UNDER PREPARATION
AND THAT THE GUERRILLAS WERE WAITING FOR IT.
BECAUSE OF THIS, THE AGENCY HAS ALERTED THE FOREIGN
MINISTRY AND BUSINESSES ABROAD TO BE ON GUARD
AGAINST A POSSIBLE ATTACK, THE SOURCES SAID."
END QTE. REMAINDER OF ARTICLE REVIEWED PAST JRA
ATTACKS AT SINGAPORE, THE HAGUE AND KUALA LUMPUR.

2. AS FAR AS EMBASSY CAN DETERMINE, BASIS
FOR ARTICLE CAME FROM DISCUSSION BETWEEN REPORTER
AND NATIONAL POLICE AGENCY (NPA) OFFICIAL.
OFFICIAL HAD NOTED THAT HISTORICALLY JRA ACTIVITIES
HAD INCREASED DURING MONTH OF SEPTEMBER AND
HAD SPECULATED THAT RESCUE ATTEMPT OF GUERRILLAS
CAPTURED AT ISTANBUL AIRPORT WAS THE SORT OF
ACTION THE JRA MIGHT ATTEMPT IN COMING DAYS.
NPA CONFIRMS THAT THIS WAS SPECULATION AND NOT BASED
ON SPECIFIC INFORMATION.
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